

Water...it covers 70% of the world, meaning it is a very important resource for all of the worlds people, without water (or clean water) the world would slowly die from dehydration (for humans)

To keep our water clean, water ministers have been trying to build desalination plants but so far, not as many that had been planned have been built yet...

There are many causes of water pollution and they can be caused by oil leaks, boats, chemicals and even just humans littering, water pollution affects many animals that live in the sea. For example, if a man threw a plastic bag in the ocean, it would take time to break down but whilst it is, a fish could get caught in it and not be able to get out leading to its death from fright or they could even suffocate from a tight enclosure.

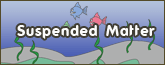
To prevent water pollution we could be more careful about what goes in the ocean, factories could prevent their fumes and chemicals, save water, we could be careful about what sort of toothpaste goes down our drains and what we flush down the toilet.

Some dangers of water pollution are:

* Heavy metals from factories that process toxins can accumulate in nearby lakes and rivers. If these toxins get out it could kill for example shell fish and because some people eat shell fish, it could lead to the death of humans.
* Sewage, in many sewage pipes, they are covered with germs and diseases which could pass on to waters and affect fish and sometimes even people.
* Particles in acid rain can harm the fish and kill them very easily.

Types of water pollution-

[](http://www.water-pollution.org.uk/nutrients.html)

[](http://www.water-pollution.org.uk/chemical.html)[](http://www.water-pollution.org.uk/suspendedmatter.html)[](http://www.water-pollution.org.uk/oxygendepleting.html)[](http://www.water-pollution.org.uk/surface.html)[](http://www.water-pollution.org.uk/groundwater.html)[](http://www.water-pollution.org.uk/microbiological.html)